

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims**

- Claims 6-12 and 25-31 are pending in the Application after entry of this amendment.
- Claims 1-5, 13-24, and 32-49 stand rejected by the Examiner.
- Claims 6-12 and 25-31 are objected to by Examiner.
- Claims 6 and 25 are amended by Applicants.
- Claims 1-5, 13-24, and 32-49 are cancelled by Applicants.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for identification of allowable subject matter in Claims 6-12 and 25-31. Applicants amend Claims 6 and 25 to overcome Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112 objection by rewriting the claims in independent form. Dependent Claims 7-12 and 26-32 now depend on now-allowable independent Claims 6 and 25 respectively.

**Claim Rejections Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103 (a)**

Claims 1-3, 13-23, 32-39 and 41-49 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,418,441 to Call in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0051905 A1 to Lucas. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-3, 13-23, 32-39 and 41-49 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Claim Rejections Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103 (a)**

Claims 4 and 40 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,418,441 to Call in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0051905 A1 to Lucas in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,405,174 to Walker. Applicants have cancelled Claims 4 and 40 without prejudice or disclaimer.

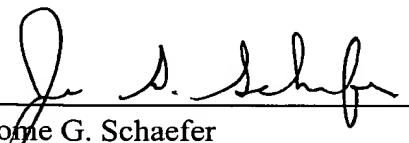
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**Conclusion**

Applicants accept the identification of Claims 6-12 and 25-31 of the present Application as being allowable subject matter. Applicants have placed Claims 6 and 25 into independent form. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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